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“How we move forward with a website for 2025”

Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 p.m. in Slaley Commemoration Hall

The original Slaley web site began after the Slaley Parish Plan was adopted by Slaley Parish Council in 2004. Michael Elphick was its first editor. A new look was devised in 2011 when Michael transferred from Webfusion to ZEN. By 2017 a new format was required and Elm Marketing of Consett was awarded the contract, groups who wanted to have content on the web site attended training at the Travellers Rest on June 12<sup>th</sup> 2017. That year it cost the Parish Council £1,053.99 to get our present web site with the Hall Booking system on line. Now in 2025 it is time once again to take stock and include linking social media to the web site. With the current demise of Slaley Parish Council and the need by the Commemoration Hall Management Committee to retain its on-line booking system SCH management committee has decided to take control of the annual charges and make the web site more of a community platform rather than a Slaley Parish Council web site with community add-ons. Healey Parish Council will continue to rent web site space to post its annual accounts and minutes, as is a legal requirement, obviously being a very small Parish Council, it cannot afford to own and run its own web site.

Many user groups were contacted last year about updating their content and whilst many wish to do so it is obvious that being editor of the Parish Website will need someone who has the time, interest and experience to keep the content up to date. To that end the February local history meeting has been given over to “how we move forward with a website for 2025”. February is a bad month for unpredictable weather, therefore last-minute changes could occur. However, we do hope that Melanie from Elm Marketing and Samantha, the Clerk of Slaley Parish Council will attend and talk us through how they can help, what the overheads are likely to be and what all of us need to do.

Therefore, this invitation is for 7.30 p.m. on Monday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2025. If you are able to view the [www.slaley.org.uk](http://www.slaley.org.uk) on your device – mobile, tablet, laptop whatever please bring with you.

A notice of this was given through the February Slaley News, but for those who missed it a copy is attached.

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